

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-32. (Canceled).

33. (Currently Amended) A storage system comprising:

a plurality of disk devices configured into a plurality of non-removable storage volumes;

a network interface to be coupled to a computer;

a control unit coupled to the disk devices and to the network interface; and

a memory coupled to the control unit,

wherein the control unit receives a verification command from the computer to identify whether a removable storage device is present~~the types of storage volumes connected to the computer,~~

wherein the control unit sends a reply to the computer indicating that a removable storage device is present~~connected~~, the removable storage device being virtualized, as a first virtualized removable storage device, and being related to a first storage volume of the plurality of non-removable storage volumes and not being related to a plurality of other storage volumes of the plurality of non-removable storage volumes such that the computer can access the first storage volume as a removable storage device.

~~whereby the one storage volume is provided to the computer as a removable storage device so that the computer can be booted by using the one storage volume and without obtaining information about the plurality of other storage volumes.~~

34. (Currently Amended) A storage system according to claim 33,

wherein in order for~~when~~ the computer is to be~~is~~ booted, the at least one first~~at least one~~ storage volume that is indicated as being a non-removable storage device is~~that is indicated as being a non-removable storage device~~ recognized by the computer while the plurality of other non-removable storage~~recognized by the computer while the plurality of other non-removable storage~~ volumes are not recognized by the computer~~is mapped to the virtual volume for providing to the computer and at least another one of the storage volumes is not mapped to the virtual volume such that the computer can be booted without needing to recognize the another storage volume that is not mapped to the virtual volume.~~

35. (Canceled).

36. (Currently Amended) A storage system according to claim 35,

wherein, based on receiving an~~a~~ second instruction from the computer for ejecting the first particular virtualized removable storage device~~unit from the virtual disk drive~~, the control unit modifies a volume management table so that the control unit makes the computer recognizes~~that the first virtualized removable storage device volume is ejected, and~~

wherein the control unit notifies the computer of completion of ejecting the first virtualized removable storage device volume.

37-40. (Canceled).

41. (Currently Amended) A storage system according to claim 33,

wherein a second storage volume is set as a replica volume of the first ~~at least~~
~~one~~ storage volume, and

wherein the control unit stores data into the first ~~at least one~~ storage volume
and the second storage volume if the control unit receives a write command for
writing data to the first ~~particular~~ virtual removable storage device unit from the
computer.

42. (Currently Amended) A storage system according to claim 41 ~~10~~,

wherein, in response to receiving an third ~~instruction~~ for stopping a replication
from the computer, the control unit stops storing the data into the second storage
volume.

43. (Currently Amended) A storage system according to claim 36,

wherein a second storage volume is set as a replica volume of the first ~~at least~~
~~one~~ storage volume,

wherein the control unit stores data into the ~~first~~at least one storage volume and stores data to be stored in the first storage volume to the second storage volume if the control unit receives a write command for writing data to the ~~first~~particular virtual storage ~~device~~unit from the computer, and

wherein, based on receiving ~~another~~the second instruction from the computer, the control unit stops storing the data into the second storage volume.

44. (New) The storage system according to claim 43, wherein the data in the second storage volume is a copy of data in the first storage volume, and wherein said another instruction instructs to stop copying.